
FIRST BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS.

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Jocelyn of Wells,

consecrated 28th May 1206; died 19 Nov. 1242.

72

[1205-6, Feb. 3.]—*Jocelyn of Wells is elected bishop of Bath by the monks of Bath and the canons of Wells.*

Per mortem Savarici episcopi Robertus Prior et Capitulum Bath' et Alexander Decanus et Capitulum Well' elegerunt magistrum Jocelinum Canonicum Well' et Diaconum, virum providum literatum et honestum, de quo hoc testimonium capitulum Well' dedit. [Cujus profecto vita mores probabiles incogniti nobis esse non poterant cum in sinu ecclesie nostre a primo lacte coaluerit, et sine querela inter nos hactenus conversatus][5] Utrumque capitulum mittunt ad Innocentium papam rogantes ut huic electo in quem cleri pariter et populi vota cum principis assensu concurrunt, confirmationis munus impertiri dignetur.

In hac electione quatuor fuere nominati ex parte Capituli Bath' scilicet Robertus Prior, Johannes Subprior, magister Hamo et Frater Martinus, et quatuor ex parte Capituli Well' scilicet Alexander Decanus, Will. Cantor, Thomas Subdecanus et magister Rad. de Lechelade Canonicus Well'.

[*Harl. MS.* 6968, *f.* 36 dorso.]

[1] Page 377.
[2] Page 185.
[3] Page 232.
[4] Page 23.
[5] The words placed between brackets [ ] are so enclosed in the M.S.

73

[1206.]—*Composition made between the canons of Wells and the monks of Bath touching the procedure in the election of their bishop.*

COMPOSITIO FACTA INTER CAPITULUM WELL' ET CAPITULUM BATHON. DE ELIGENDO EPISCOPUM.

In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, facta est hec pax subscripta inter ecclesiam Bathon' et ecclesiam Wellensem et conventum Bathon' et capitulum Well' super electione Pontificis utrique ecclesie preficiendi. Vacante episcopatu *etc.* Prior et monachi Bathon' et Decanus et Canonici Well' in loco idoneo propter hoc convenient et de electione futuri episcopi communiter tractabunt et cum communiter in idoneam personam convenerunt, Prior Bathon' debet denuntiare, et ex parte utriusque ecclesie postulare personam de communi assensu electam. Si vero Prior Bathon', vel monachi, vel Decanus Well' vel canonici in electione episcopi contra predictam formam in aliquo proruperint, diffinitum est et concessum ab utraque parte quod irritum sit penitus et inane quicquid fuerit ab eis contra hoc super electione attemptatum. Si vero partes consenserint communiter in personam Prioris, Decanus Well' ejus electionem debet denunciare, et postulare. Eodem modo convenit inter partes, quod si ecclesia Bathon' caruerit Priore tempore electionis, quod Decanus Well' electionem illius in quem partes consenserint denunciabit et possidebit[1] (postulabit). Decanus vero et capitulum Well' non impedient quo minus episcopus eorum prius in ecclesia Bathon' intronizetur quam in Wellensi nec procurabit quod prius intronizetur in Well' ecclesia quam in Bathon'. Convenit etiam inter predictas ecclesias quod nunquam contra hanc formam pacis utantur aliquibus privilegiis impetratis vel impetrandis. Hec autem omnia fideliter observanda tam Robertus Prior et Conventus Bathon' quam Alexander Decanus et capitulum Well' juraverunt, et sigillis utriusque ecclesie confirmaverunt.

[*Harl. MS.* 6968, *f.* 36 dorso.]

74

1206, May 3.—*The King restores to Jocelyn, bishop-elect, the temporalities of the See of Bath.*

Rex custodibus episcopatus Bath' et illius porcionis abbacie Glaston' que Savaricum quondam Bath' Episcopum contingebat salutem. Sciatis quod reddidimus dilecto et fideli nostro domino J. Bathon' electo omnia maneria episcopatus Bath' cum omnibus pertinenciis suis habenda et tenenda ei et successoribus suis in perpetuum adeo integre et pacifice sicut Reginaldus Episcopus quondam Bath' Episcopus ea integrius et melius tenuit die qua obiit quicumque ea teneat Ideo vobis *etc.* apud Swalwefelde iij die Maij.

[*Patent Roll*, 7 *John*, *m.* 7.]

75

1206, Dec. 30.—*The King orders that the bishop of Bath is to have one hundred head of deer to stock his park of Dogmaresfelde.*

Mandatum est Johanni filio Hugonis quod faciat habere Bathon' Episcopo centum tam dammos quam damnas ad restaurandum parcum suum de Dogmaresfelde. Teste me ipso apud Geldef[orde] xxx. die Decembris.

[*Close Roll*, 8 *John*, *m.* 4.]

76

1207, May 10.—*The King orders Reginald de Cornhill to let the bishop of Bath have three tuns of wine.*

Rex etc. R[eginaldo] de Cornhill etc. Mandamus vobis quod habere faciatis venerabili patri nostro domino Bath' Episcopo tria dolia vini ad prisam nostram. Teste me ipso apud Wicumbe x. die Maii.

[*Close Roll*, 8 *John*, *m.* 1.]

[1] The word *postulabit* is written over *possidebit*, but without any indication as to which word is to stand.

77

1207, Oct. 6.—*The Constable of Bristol is ordered to have two tuns of wine carried to Bath and put in the house late of the bishop of Bath.*

Rex Constabulario Bristoll' etc. Precipimus tibi quod emi facias duo dolia vini et cariari usque Bath' et locari facias in domo que fuit Episcopi Bath' Ita quod salvo ponantur per visum Prioris Bath' et id quod in hoc posueris computabitur tibi ad Scaccarium. Teste me ipso apud Kingestone vj. die Octobris.

[*Close Roll*, 9 *John*, *m.* 14.]

78

1207, Nov. 26.—*The king notifies that the bishop of Bath has paid a fine for the thirteenth due from his knights, from his gift, and for having the liberties granted by the king.*

Rex Baronibus de Scaccario etc. Sciatis quod dominus Bath' Episcopus fecit nobis in camera nostra apud Merleberge die Lune proxima post festum Sancte Katerine anno regni nostri nono quadringentas marcas de fine suo septingentarum marcarum quem nobiscum fecit pro tredecima militum suorum et pro dono suo et pro habendis libertatibus quas ei et successoribus suis et ecclesiis suis concessimus et carta nostra confirmavimus. Et ideo vobis mandamus *etc.* Teste me ipso apud Merleberge xxvj. die Novembris anno regni nostri nono.

per ipsum Regem et per Cancellarium.

[*Close Roll*, 9 *John*, *m.* 11.]

79

1207-8, March 19.—*The chamber in Bath, now of the king and lately of the bishop of Bath, is committed to William Grace, to dwell there during the king's pleasure.*

Rex Priori Bath' etc, Sciatis quod commisimus Will'o Crasso cameram nostram de Bath' que fuit Episcopi Bath' ad morandum ibi quamdiu nobis placuerit. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod ei eam habere faciatis. Teste W. Comite Maresc' apud Clarendon xix. die Marcii.

[*Close Roll*, 9 *John*, *m.* 6.]

80

1208—1213,—*Bishop Jocelyn is absent from England for the space of five years, having fled to Rome with other bishops.*

Præsentium igitur malorum pertæsi et majora metuentes, præter multos alios, aufugiunt Romam Gulielmus de Sancta Maria Londinensis, Eustachius Eliensis, Malgerus Wigorniensis, Ægidius Herefordensis. et Jocelinus nostræ ecclesiæ Episcopi : quorum bona, census et vectigalia fisco statim adjudicantur. Hæc anno 1208. Post v tandem annorum exilium, anno 1213 domum redeunt simul omnes, præter Wigorniensem, qui paulo ante Pontiniaci extinctus erat[1]. Depulsis ita turbarum nubeculis, et serenitate restituta, se totum convertit ad ecclesiam suam ornandam et augendam.

[*Catal. Ep. Bath. et Wellen.* (Godwin)—ed. Hearne[2], 659.]

81

1214, July 11.—*Hugh, bishop of Lincoln, gives to (his brother) Jocelyn, bishop of Bath and Glastonbury and his successors, half of one knight's fee in Rugebury and Dreicot.*

Omnibus *etc.* Hugo Dei gratia Linc' episcopus salutem Sciatis nos *etc.* concessisse et dedisse venerabili fratri nostro domino Jocelino Bath' et Glaston' episcopo et successoribus suis *etc.* feudum dimidii militis in Rugeberg et Dreicot cum pertinentiis quod Mauritius de Benington et Gaufridus Maureward de nobis tenuerunt, et nos de domino Rege, cum homagiis et serviciis ipsorum et heredum suorum in perpetuum *etc.* Dat. apud Stowam per manus magistri Will. de Thornaco Archidiaconi de Stowa v. Id. Jul. pontificatus nostri [anno] quinto.

[*Harl. MS.* 6968, *f.* 99 d.]

[1] He died before 20 June 1212. *Fasti* (ed. Hardy), iii. 51.

[2] Duo Rerum Anglicarum Scriptores Veteres, viz. Thomas Otterbourne et Johannes Whethamstede. Duobus Voluminibus. Oxonii, 1732, 8vo.

82

1214, July 12.—*Hugh. bishop of Lincoln, grants to (his brother) Jocelyn, bishop of Bath and Glastonbury and his successors, the advowson of the church of Axbridge.*

Hugo Linc' episcopus concessit domino Joscelino episcopo Bath' et Glaston' et successoribus suis advocationem ecclesie de Axebrigge iv. Id. Julii pontificatus sui quinto.

[*Harl. MS.* 6968, *f.* 101.]

83

1214-15, Jan. 18.—*The sheriff of Somerset is ordered to cause Jocelyn, bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, to have full seisin of the city of Bath and Barton.*

Littere J. Bath'.

Rex Vicecomiti Sumers' etc. Precipimus tibi quod sine dilacione habere facias venerabili patri nostro Jose[elino] Bath' et Glaston' Episcopo plenariam seisinam de civitate Bath' et de Berton' cum omnibus pertinenciis suis. Teste ut supra [*i.e.* me ipso apud Geudef' (Guldeforde) xviij° die Januarii anno regni nostri xvj.]

[*Close Roll*, 16 *John m.* 11.]

¶ A similar order to give seisin of the city of Bath with Barton (*de Civitate Bath' cum Bertona*) is entered on the *Close Roll* of the same year (*m.* 9), with the date 15 January.

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84

1217. July 11.—*Jocelyn, bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, having consecrated the church of Congresbury, proceeds (as patron) to endow it with lands, and with pasture for cattle.*

Universis *etc.* Jocelinus Dei gracia Bath' et Glaston' episcopus salutem *etc.* Cum ecclesiam de Cungresbir' devocione solemni dedicaremus, nos sicut approbate est consuetudinis ei dotem duximus assignandam . . . Dat. apud Cungresbir' in festo translacionis sancti Benedicti pontificatus nostri anno duodecimo.

[*Harl. MS.* 6968, *f.* 61 d.]

85

1217, July 16.—*Jocelyn, bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, gives by charter a half-hide of land in Dundray to Reginald* de Alta villa, *and Robert Prior and the convent of Bath confirm the grant.*

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quod presens carta pervenerit Joscelinus Dei gracia Bath' et Glast' episcopus salutem in Domino Sciatis *etc.* Dat' per manum nostram apud Well' septimo decimo kal. Augusti pontificatus nostri anno duodecimo.

[*Reg. Bath Abbey, p.* 27.]

86

1217, Aug. 25.—*Jocelyn, bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, confirms the grant of the church of Woolavington, made by his predecessors to the monks of Gold Cliff (Goldclive), and the same is further confirmed by the prior and convent of Bath.*

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens carta pervenerit J. Dei gracia Bath' et Glast' episcopus salutem eternam in Domino Cum felicis recordationis predecessores nostri *etc.* Dat' per manum nostram apud Pukelechirche viij. kal. Septembris pontificatus nostri anno duodecimo.

[*Reg. Bath Abbey, p.* 27.]

87

[1206—1219.]—*Robert prior and the convent of Bath desire Jocelyn, bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, to confirm their grant of the church of Bridgewater* (de brug' Walteri) *to the hospital of Bridgewater.*

Reverendo domino et patri in Christo J. Dei gracia Bathon' et Glaston' episcopo R prior et conventus Bathon' salutem obedienciam et reverenciam *etc.*

[*Reg. Bath Abbey, p.* 27.]

88

1219, April 8.—*The charter of indulgence granted to the Hospital of Bridgewater by Jocelyn, bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, is confirmed by the prior and convent of Bath.*

Universis sancte Matris ecclesie fidelibus ad quos presens carta pervenerit J. Dei gracia Bath' et Glast' episcopus eternam in Domino salutem. Noverit *etc.* Dat' per manum nostram apud Well' vj. Idus Aprilis pontificatus nostri anno xiij.

[*Reg. Bath Abbey, p.* 27.]

¶ This document is yet further evidence of the fact, that the dissolution of the union between the churches of Bath and Glastonbury *was not pronounced* 17 May 1218 (as universally alleged), but on 17 May 1219.

89

1219. Aug. 1.—*The prior and convent of Bath confirm the charter of Jocelyn, bishop of Bath, granting in perpetuity to Saint Bartholomew's Hospital, London, the benefice of S. George in Heanton (Hinton S. George.)*

Universis sancte matris ecclesie fidelibus ad quos presens carta pervenerit Jocelinus Dei gracia Bath' Episcopus eternam in Domino salutem Cum fratres domus hospitalis sancti Barthol' Lond' operibus misericordie pietatis studio audierimus libenter insistere juxta suarum possibilitatem facultatum pauperes Christi misericorditer exhibendo *etc.* Dat' per manum nostram apud Well' in festo sancti Petri ad vincula pontificatus nostri anno xiiij°. [*Reg. Bath Abbey, p.* 28.]

¶ Observe the Bishop's *change of style*, consequent on the Pope's decree of dissolution between the churches of Bath and Glastonbury, *i.e.* after 17 May 1219. See the previous charter of 8 April 1219.

90

1220. March 29.—*Pope Honorius III. refers to Pandulf, bishop-elect of Norwich and legate of the Holy See, the application made by Jocelyn, bishop of Bath, for licence to style himself bishop of Bath and Wells.*

Honorius &c. Pandulfo Norwicen' Electo Camerario nostro Apostolice Sedis Legato. Anno IV. epist. 679

Venerabilis frater noster Bathonien' Episcopus nobis fecit cum instantia supplicari, ut cum hactenus Bathonien' et Glastonien' Episcopus fuerit noncupatus, ne videatur quasi capite diminutus, nuncupandi se Bathonien' et Wellen' Episcopum sibi licentiam concedere dignaremur, presertim quia sicut asserit ecclesia Wellen' ab antiquo extitit Cathedralis, prout constat ex privilegio Sedis Apostolice apparere, quamvis privilegium istud in Regestis quesitum non potuerit inveniri, set illud penes se habere idem Episcopus asseveret. Extimantes itaque dignum antiquis ecclesiis, antiquos reddere titulos

dignitatum, qui nonnunquam novas, novis dignitatibus insignimus, discretioni tue per apostolica scripta mandamus, quatinus inquisita super hoc et cognita veritate, si rem inveneris ita esse, predicto Episcopo se nominandi Bathonien' Episcopum et Wellen' auctoritate nostra concedas liberam facultatem. Datum Viterbii IV. Kalendas Aprilis, Pontifactus nostri anno quarto.

[*Vatican Transcripts—Add. MSS.* 15352, f. 56.]

91

1221. Nov. 19.—*Robert prior and the convent of Bath confirm the grant of half a mark (beside the half-mark now received) out of the church of Lamict made to the Nunnery of Godstowe by Jocelyn, bishop of Bath.*

Universis sancte matris Ecclesie fidelibus ad quos presens carta pervenerit Joscelinus Dei gracia Bath' Episcopus salutem in Domino Ad *etc.* Dat' per manum nostram apud Dorkecestre xiij.° kal. Decembris pontificatus nostri anno xvj.°

[*Reg. Bath Abbey, p.* 29.]

92

1223. May 9.—*The charter, made by Jocelyn, bishop of Bath, granting to Taunton Priory the church of "Nighenhide," is confirmed by Robert prior and the convent of Bath.*

Universis *etc.* Joscelinus Dei gracia Bath' Episcopus eternam in Domino salutem Noveritis *etc.* Dat' per manum nostram apud Well' die translacionis beati Andree apostoli pontificatus nostri anno xvij.

[*Reg. Bath Abbey, p.* 30.]

93

1223. Oct. 25.—*Charter concerning the church of Kammel, made by bishop Jocelyn at the request of Hubert de Burgh, and afterwards confirmed by Thomas prior and the convent of Bath.*

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens carta pervenerit Joscelinus De gracia Bath' episcopus eternam in Domino salutem Noverit *etc.*

Dat' per manum nostram apud Well' die sanctorum Crispini et Crispiniani pontificatus nostri anno xviij.

[*Reg. Bath Abbey, p.* 30.]

94

1226. April 14.—*Award made by Jocelyn, bishop of Bath, concerning the church of Hunespill, on the contention between the prior and monks of Niuport Paencl, and William Paenel.*

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presens scriptum inspecturis Joscelinus Dei gracia Bath' Episcopus salutem in Domino. Ad universitatis vestre notitiam *etc.* Dat' per manum nostram apud Bathon' xviij. kal. Maii pontificatus nostri anno xx.°

[*Reg. Bath Abbey, p.* 30.]

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